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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM ZAIRE AMBASSADOR TO LE MONDE

1. LE MONDE OF JULY 19 CARRIES A LETTER FROM THE ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE COMMENTING ON AN ARTICLE WRITTEN BY OLIVIER POSTEL-VINAY ENTITLED "THE POLITICAL CRISIS DEEPENS IN ZAIRE", WHICH APPEARED IN LE MONDE OF JULY 5. AN EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF PORTIONS OF THE LETTER FOLLOWS:

"...FOR MR. POSTEL-VINAY TO PUT INTO DOUBT THE PARTICIPATION OF A FOREIGN POWER IN THIS COUP ATTEMPT IS HIS RIGHT. AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, THE INVESTIGATION HAS ALREADY ESTABLISHED, WITH TANGIBLE PROOFS, THAT A FOREIGN HAND WISHED TO ARM A ZAIRIAN HAND TO KILL GENERAL MOBUTU...

THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE PRACTICES A POLICY OF THE OPEN DOOR. IT MAINTAINS THE BEST RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, WITHOUT EXCLUSIVITY, IN MUTUAL RESPECT OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTIES.

THE UNITED STATES IS ONE OF THE COUNTRIES WITH WHICH WE HAVE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. HOWEVER, AS GENERAL MOBUTU HIMSELF HAS SAID, THERE IS REASON TO KNOW THAT AN AFRICAN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES EXISTS...

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FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE PLOT, ZAIRE HAS TRIED TO

MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE FRIENDSHIP WHICH THE AMERICAN AND ZAIRIAN PEOPLE HAVE FOR EACH OTHER AND THE ACTIONS OF A FEW PROVOCATEURS SICK OF LIVING IN A WORLD AT PEACE. IT IS NOT (NECESSARY) FOR US TO INFORM YOUR NEWSPAPER OF THE CRIMES AND THE MACHIAVELLIAN PLANS OF CERTAIN AMERICAN SPECIAL SERVICES, OFTEN ORGANIZED AT THE INSTIGATION OF EVEN THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE USA..."

2. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW AT WHAT MOMENT AFTER THE JULY 5 APPEARANCE OF POSTEL-VINAY'S ARTICLE THE ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR ADDRESSED HIS LETTER TO LE MONDE. GAMMON

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